1972, and Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and appeal) Rules, 1965, against Shri N. K. Prasad, former Deputy Director General of Shipping, Bombay. The services of Shri R. Parmeswaran, the then Accounts Officer, Seafarers Welfare fund Society, Bombay have been terminated. According to the reply received from the Bank of Baroda, Bombay, Shri Suresh Laxman Gogate, Senior Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, has been put under suspension and has been served with show cause letter. Shri Suresh S. Darekar, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda and Shri K. S. Balakrishnan, Manager, Bank of Baroda have also been issued show cause letter by Bank of Baroda.

Cargo movement between Calcutta and Guwahati

1639. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. (CIWTC) has any plans to extend regular service for cargo movement between Calcutta and Guwahati upto Dibrugarh; if so, the details thereof;

(b) by when the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) proposes to implement the scheme to develop and maintain a minimum of 2 metre depth in Guwahati-Dibrugarh stretch and to develop a terminal with cargo handling facility at Dibrugarh; and

(c) whether CIWTC and/or IWAI have any plans to operate river services for passenger traffic between Guwahati and Dibrugarh; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) The CIWTC is regularly plying vessels from Calcutta to Guwahati. It is carrying up cargo like foodgrains, cement and the down corgo carried by it is limestone. The CIWTC is planning to go beyond Guwahati upto Dibrugarh to carry construction materials as well as over-dimensional cargo for the proposed Numalligarh Refinery on the bank of the river stream Dhansiri, to be followed by another power project expected to come up at Amgani near Neamati in Jorhat District of upper Assam.

(b) A scheme at a cost of Rs. 217 lakhs has been approved by the IWAI board for carrying out river conservancy works in Dhubri-Dibrugarh stretch to develop and maintain 2 metre depth during 1995-96. This is being implemented subject to availability of funds. It is also proposed to provide a floating terminal at Dibrugarh by using one of the floating pontoons to be taken over from Governments of Assam shortly.

(c) The CIWTC has no plans to operate passenger river service. As regards IWAI, the operation of river service falls outside the sphere of its functions, as laid down in the IWAI Act, 1985.

Associated Gas Flared in Assam

1640. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1992-93, 686 MCM of associated gas, representing 33% of the production, was flared in Assam;

(b) if so, the quantity of total gas production and gas flared in 1993-94;

(c) whether inspite of the above, existing allocation of lean gas to consumers like HFCL, Namrup, was reduced leading to loss of production; and

(d) whether 300 TPD Methanol Plant expansion plan of Assam Petro Chemicals Ltd. is being held up for non-allocation of gas; if so, the reasons for non-untilisation of flared gas for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM